Wastage due to lack of storage facility in Uttaranchal

1956. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been made by his Ministry to reduce the wastage due to non-availability of storage facility in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes provides financial assistance for overall development of food processing industries, including for specialized cold storages with controlled Atmosphere/ Modified Atmosphere facility and for cold storages for non-horticulture produce. The aim of the schemes, amongst others, includes reduction in wastages of perishable produce. The projects are considered for assistance, based on complete and viable proposals received from various implementing agencies. The Ministry does not set up projects on its own.

Health clubs in CBSE Schools

†1957. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to open health clubs in CBSE schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the proposed schools alongwith the criteria for eligibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), has issued a circular to the schools affiliated with CBSE to set up health clubs in the schools to organize health related activities and to act as a Resource Centre for the overall well-being of the students. The main objectives of the Health Club are as under:—

(i) To create Health Card for each student.

(ii) To publish a Health Newspaper.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.